

84TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. CON. RES. 41

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 17, 1955

Mr. SMITH of Mississippi submitted the following concurrent resolution ; which  
was referred to the Committee on Rules

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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1       *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*  
2   *concurring)*, That there is hereby established a Joint Com-  
3   mittee on Central Intelligence to be composed of six Members  
4   of the Senate to be appointed by the President of the Senate,  
5   and six Members of the House of Representatives to be ap-  
6   pointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.  
7   Of the six members to be appointed from the Senate, two  
8   shall be members of the Committee on Appropriations of  
9   the Senate, and two shall be members of the Committee  
10   on Armed Services of the Senate. Of the six members to  
11   be appointed from the House of Representatives, two shall  
12   be members of the Committee on Appropriations of the

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1 House of Representatives, and two shall be members of the  
2 Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representa-  
3 tives. Not more than four members appointed from either  
4 the Senate or the House of Representatives shall be from  
5 the same political party.

6 SEC. 2. (a) The joint committee shall make continuing  
7 studies of the activities of the Central Intelligence Agency  
8 and of problems relating to the gathering of intelligence  
9 affecting the national security and of its coordination and  
10 utilization by the various departments, agencies, and instru-  
11 mentalities of the Government. The Central Intelligence  
12 Agency shall keep the joint committee fully and currently  
13 informed with respect to its activities. All bills, resolutions,  
14 and other matters in the Senate or the House of Representa-  
15 tives relating primarily to the Central Intelligence Agency  
16 shall be referred to the joint committee.

17 (b) The members of the joint committee who are Mem-  
18 bers of the Senate shall from time to time report to the  
19 Senate, and the members of the joint committee who are  
20 Members of the House of Representatives shall from time  
21 to time report to the House, by bill or otherwise, their rec-  
22 ommendations with respect to matters within the jurisdic-  
23 tion of their respective Houses which are (1) referred to  
24 the joint committee, or (2) otherwise within the jurisdiction  
25 of the joint committee.

1 SEC. 3. Vacancies in the membership of the joint com-  
2 mittee shall not affect the power of the remaining members  
3 to execute the functions of the joint committee, and shall  
4 be filled in the same manner as in the case of the original  
5 selection. The joint committee shall select a chairman and  
6 a vice chairman from among its members.

7 SEC. 4. The joint committee, or any duly authorized sub-  
8 committee thereof, is authorized to hold such hearings, to  
9 sit and act at such places and times, to require, by subpoena  
10 or otherwise, the attendance of such witnesses and the pro-  
11 duction of such books, papers, and documents, to administer  
12 such oaths, to take such testimony, to procure such printing  
13 and binding, and to make such expenditures as it deems  
14 advisable. The cost of stenographic services to report public  
15 hearings shall not be in excess of the amounts prescribed by  
16 law for reporting the hearings of standing committees of the  
17 Senate. The cost of such services to report executive hear-  
18 ings shall be fixed at an equitable rate by the joint  
19 committee.

20 SEC. 5. The joint committee is empowered to appoint  
21 such experts, consultants, technicians, and clerical and steno-  
22 graphic assistants as it deems necessary and advisable. The  
23 committee is authorized to utilize the services, information,  
24 facilities, and personnel of the departments and establish-  
25 ments of the Government.

1        SEC. 6. The expenses of the joint committee, which shall  
2 not exceed \$                      per year, shall be paid one-half  
3 from the contingent fund of the Senate and one-half from  
4 the contingent fund of the House of Representatives upon  
5 vouchers signed by the chairman. Disbursements to pay  
6 such expenses shall be made by the Secretary of the Senate  
7 out of the contingent fund of the Senate, such contingent  
8 fund to be reimbursed from the contingent fund of the House  
9 of Representatives in the amount of one-half of the disburse-  
10 ments so made.

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